

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71A-5 Building Date: ca. 1902
Building Name: John F. Mack Farm (Clarke's Fancy)
Location: 8300 Race Track Road, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good-Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The principal building on the Mack farm is a two-and-one half-story frame farmhouse located on a knoll in rolling farmland just west of the Patuxent River near the Bowie Race Track. The dwelling is T-shaped, and consists of a front-gabled main block which is attached to a kitchen wing which extends to the west. Entrance was originally in the first bay of the south gable front, but in recent years this entrance was closed by the construction of a bathroom addition; entrance is now in the north facade of the west section. The house is covered with white asbestos shingle; windows are 1/1 double hung sash, and surrounds are plain board, painted dark green. The crossgable roof is of fishscale patterned tin; the foundation is of local ironbearing stone, and encloses a full basement. There are several small outbuildings immediately northeast of the house. North of the house is a complex of ten farm buildings, the most prominent of which is a large livestock barn, built into a slope, with a high foundation of local stone.

Significance:

The principal building on the Mack farm is a modest turn-of-the-century farmhouse, constructed in stages, more significant for its farm setting than for its individual architecture. It stands in a complex of functional farm buildings on a tract known as Clarke's Fancy, the home farm for several generations of the Joshua T. Clarke family. In 1899, the last Clarke heir sold the farm to John F. Mack, and within a few years, the old farmhouse was destroyed by fire. Mack constructed the subject house on the site of the old house, and, at approximately the same time, the livestock barn. The farm remained in the Mack family until 1978 when it was purchased by the corporation which operated the Bowie Race Course. The livestock barn is a fine example of bank barn construction based on older models. The farm setting is a good example of the small farms which typified Prince George's County between the Civil War and the rapid development following World War II.

Acreage: ca. 173 acres.

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Clarke's Fancy

and/or common John F. Mack Farm

2. Location

street & number 8300 Racetrack Road not for publication

city, town Bowie vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county P.G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Southern Maryland Realty Association

street & number c/o Bowie Race Course telephone no.: 262-8111

city, town Bowie state and zip code Md. 20715

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber 5753

street & number Main Street folio 60

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state X county local

depository for survey records History Division, MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John F. Mack Farm consists of a complex of dwelling and farm buildings located on a knoll in rolling farmland approximately one mile west of the Patuxent River near the Bowie Race Track. The principal feature in this farm complex is a two-and-one-half-story cross-gable frame farmhouse, built early in the twentieth century.

The dwelling is T-shaped with wraparound enclosed porch; its principal facade is now reoriented to the north. It consists of a front-gabled main block, to which is attached a kitchen wing which extends to the west, inset from both the north and south gable ends of the main block and forming a T. The main block is two bays by two, approximately 18 by 30 feet; entrance was originally in the first bay of the south gable front, through a plain door with single-light transom. The entrance led into a narrow stairhall; a closed-string single-run staircase rises along the west wall of the stairhall. It has a turned newel with spherical cap, turned balusters, and wide moldings below the outer string. At the top of the flight of stairs, the railing turns and frames the narrow second-story hall, marked by two plain square newel posts with molded acorn caps. Trim in both main block and kitchen have a plain backband, with cyma reversa molding and inner bead. The wide, plain baseboards have a crown molding.

The floorplan of the main block consists of the stairhall and a small parlor on the south, and a larger parlor (dining room) taking up the full width of the north part. The original entrance into the stairhall on the south has been closed off by the recent addition of a small (nine foot square) one-story bathroom addition.

Extending west from the main block is a T-shaped kitchen wing, two bays by one, roughly 17 feet square. Around the three sides of this wing is a one-story porch, enclosed on south and west, and screened on the north. The main entrance to the house is now through this north porch and into a door centered between the two north bays. Since the construction of the small south bathroom around the original south entrance, the house has been reoriented toward the north; there is one other entrance into the kitchen on the south side.

The house rests on a foundation of local iron-bearing sandstone which encloses a full basement under both parts of the house. These foundations may well predate the present house, having been reused from the mid-nineteenth century dwelling of the Clarke family on the same site. Although the foundations may have been reused from the earlier building, all sill beams and joists appear to be twentieth-century material. There

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is a small, gabled entry to the basement centered in the north gable end of the main block. The stone foundations have been parged on the exterior, and reinforced in places by concrete; the bathroom addition and wraparound porch rest on foundations of concrete block.

The entire house is covered with white asbestos shingle; the original siding is not visible, but is probably German. The windows are all 1/1, almost certainly replacing original 2/2 double hung sash windows. Surrounds are of plain board painted dark green. There are no shutters. The gable roof is covered with fishscale patterned metal. The eaves have no cornice decoration, only a simple overhang. There are two corbelled brick chimneys: one at the ridge where the wing joins the main block, and a second centered at the ridge of the main block. At the apex of each gable end is a tall ornamental lighting rod with a sphere of blue ceramic. The house stands in a setting of mature trees: four large catalpas on the east and south, and a very large maple on the northwest. The unpaved drive runs west and south from the Bowie Race Track and forms a circle just north of the house. A modern free-standing carport, with translucent green plastic roof, has been erected in the north yard.

Within 150 feet northeast of the house are four small outbuildings. Northmost is a three-bay gable-roof garage, constructed of concrete block with green standing-seam metal roof. Just south of the garage is a low shed-roof shed, with two small windows and a door in its east facade; it has board-and-batten siding. South of this shed is a small square gable-roof storage (meat?) house; it has board-and-batten siding and green asphalt shingle roof. East of these three outbuildings is a long low shed-roof chicken house with board-and-batten siding.

A short distance north of the house, the farm lane bends to the west, and continues approximately 600 feet to a large twentieth-century tobacco barn. The gable-roof barn has vertical board siding and standing seam metal roof, with a single gable-roof cupola at the ridge. There is a small, low shed at the south gable end.

There is a group of eight farm buildings west of the entrance lane and north of its turn toward the tobacco barn.¹ The prominent feature in this group is a large gable-roof livestock barn which rests on a high foundation of the same local iron-bearing stone which comprises the house foundation. This is a hill barn, built into a slope; the upper level is entered at grade level from the east. The high stone foundations are pierced on the west by a central doorway, in which hangs a two-part batten door, and flanking high shallow windows; there is another door in the south foundation. The upper floor is constructed of whole logs supported by massive (sawn) beams and posts. The shed-roof aisle which extends to the east has a foundation of concrete block. The barn has vertical-board siding and standing-seam metal roof.

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West of the livestock barn is an ell-shaped board-and-batten barn/stable of more recent date. It has a corrugated metal, gable roof. The first story is completely open, entered through four wide entry arches in the ell, supported on tree trunk posts. The second story is enclosed, with a door on the south side and the east gable end, but no window openings.

North of the two barns is a complex of other farm buildings, many of frame with weathered, red-painted siding. Included in the complex is a corncrib with a gable, standing-seam metal roof and projecting rafter ends. It stands on poured concrete footers. There are two open tractor or equipment sheds with standing-seam metal roofs, one with board-and-batten siding, one of concrete block. There is a board-and-batten, gable-roof one-car garage, and a large one-story concrete block building that may have been used as a tobacco stripping shed. A small one-story board-and-batten shed-roof two-bay structure with two south entry doors and no windows appears to be of an earlier date than the surrounding buildings. North of the complex, a large gambrel-roof board-and-batten tobacco barn with hinged ventilator boards stands on the east side of the entry drive at the point where it turns east toward the racetrack.

Notes

- 1 See site plan and attached description of farm buildings.

8. Significance

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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> local history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (spec)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
circa 1902	

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John F. Mack Farm consists of a complex of farm buildings on a tract known as Clarke's Fancy; this had been the home farm for several generations of the Joshua T. Clarke family.

The principal building on the farm is^a typical early twentieth century farmhouse which has been altered over time. It was constructed in stages, and is more significant for its farm setting than for its individual architecture.

In April of 1899, following the murder of one of Joshua T. Clarke's daughters in the Clarke farmhouse, her surviving sister sold the 168-acre farm to John Frederick Mack.¹ Mack and his future wife, Sabina, had emigrated as teenagers from Germany in 1888, and had then married and settled in the District of Columbia. In 1899 Mack moved his family, which by then included six children, into the Clarke farmhouse, and began to farm the land.² Within a few years, however, circa 1902, the old Clarke farmhouse was destroyed by fire. John Mack constructed the present farmhouse on the site of the old one, first the smaller westerly section and then the larger easterly block, possibly using the stone foundations from the older house.³

At the same time, John Mack began the construction of a complex of farm buildings, particularly the large livestock barn which is built into the slope and can be entered on two levels. Mack cultivated tobacco on the 150 acres of rolling farmland, and kept enough livestock for his family's use.⁴

The farm at Clarke's Fancy remained in the Mack family until 1978. John F. Mack died in 1922, leaving the farm to his wife, Sabina, and directing that, after her death, their two sons should have the option of buying out their sisters' interest in the farm.⁵ Sabina Mack died in 1949; two years later five of her six surviving children conveyed their interest in the farm to the oldest son of the family, Frederick J. Mack, and his wife.⁶ The Macks continued to farm the land; after Frederick

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Mack's death, his widow sold the farm in 1978 to the Gibraltar Pari-Mutuel Inc., which operated the nearby Bowie Race Track (established just east of the Mack Farm in 1914).⁷ Since that time, the farm buildings have been used for storage, and the house has been used as a residence for race course staff.

The Mack house does not have great historical or architectural significance, but the livestock barn is a fine and rare example of bank barn construction based on older models. The farm setting (on some of the last remaining open farmland in this area) is a good example of the small farms which typified Prince George's County between the Civil War and the rapid development which followed World War II.

Notes

¹ Prince George's Enquirer March 24, 1899; Prince George's County Deed JB #8:216.

² Census for Prince George's County, E.D. #14, 1900.

³ Telephone interview with member of Mack family, February 1985.

⁴ Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1897-1921.

⁵ Prince George's County Estate File #3392.

⁶ Prince George's County Estate file #9723; Prince George's County Will GS0 #2:261; Prince George's County Deed #1360:366.

⁷ Prince George's County Deed #4949:310.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See chain of title
See notes, Item #8
P.G. Co. Tax Assessments 1871-1921

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 173.49 acres
Quadrangle name Bowie Quadrangle, Section A

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian , and Marina King

organization Historic Preservation Commission date February 1985 / November 1988

street & number Co. Planning MNCPPC telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title

John F. Mack Farm
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#5753:60 1 Sept. 1983 Deed	Gibraltar Pari-Mutuel Inc. to Southern Maryland Realty Association, Maryland Joint Venture; 173.49 acres in 14th Election District, same which grantor obtained from E. Mack by #4949:310.
#4949:310 27 June 1978 Deed	Elizabeth C. Mack, widow to Gibraltar Pari-Mutuel Inc. (#780,660); 173.49 acres in Bowie Election District, same which grantor acquired by #3649:647.
#3649:647 12 Aug. 1968 Deed	Anna M. Kirkpatrick, widow et al to Elizabeth C. Mack, widow of Frederick J. Mack; whereas grantors in 1951 (by #1360:366) conveyed to their brother, Frederick J. Mack, and his wife, Elizabeth, all their interest in the property of their parents, John F. and Sabina Mack, 173.49 acres of "Clarke's Fancy", former home place of Joshua T. Clarke; grantors now convey same to his widow, Elizabeth C. Mack.
#1360:366 28 April 1951 Deed	Anna M. Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth M. Jacobson, Mary M. Van der ahe, Bertha M. Currie, and Lawrence B. Mack to Frederick J. Mack and wife (Anna, Elizabeth, Mary, Bertha, Lawrence and Frederick being sole surviving children of John F. and Sabina Mack, both deceased); 168 acres, Clarke's Fancy, home place of Joshua T. Clarke; same land which John F. Mack obtained by JB#8:126 (should be 216)
JB#8:216 26 April 1899 Deed	Annie Clarke to John F. Mack of D.C., 168 acres of Clarke's Fancy, home place of Joshua T. Clarke, and on which grantor now resides; bounded on (E) by land of James Belmear, on S and W by Whitemarsh, on N by land of Thomas Randall; same which grantor and her sisters acquired from Sheriff Darnell in 1893.
JB#4:729 18 May 1893 Deed	Nicholas Darnell, former Sheriff of Prince George's County, to Annie, Mary, and Emma Clarke; 168 acres Clarke's Fancy, home place of Joshua T. Clarke, and where he died. Judgment of \$14,483.20 against Joshua T. Clarke, June Court 1877; Writ of fieri facias, and public sale of land (18 June 1889) by Sheriff to high bidders, Annie, Mary & Emma Clarke.

MEMO

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mack Farm, P.G.#71A-5

Site Plan

List of outbuildings

1. large gambrel roofed barn, board-and-batten siding, hinged ventilator boards, corrugated metal roof, poured concrete foundation
2. concrete block open equipment shed
3. open frame equipment shed, shed standing-seam metal roof (earlier building)
4. small red-painted board-and-batten shed roof structure, no windows, two south facing doors, standing-seam metal roof covering, projecting rafter ends
5. Corn crib - gable, standing-seam metal roof, red-painted slat siding, projecting rafter ends, concrete footers
6. large gable roof one story concrete block building, tobacco stripping shed?
7. 1 car garage, gable roof, standing-seam metal covering, board-and-batten siding
8. large bank barn, west side, lower story of iron-bearing field stone, dirt floor, log beams and 6x6 posts, high gable roof, flush board siding, red-painted, projecting rafter ends, east one story shed addition on concrete block foundation, entered at grade from gravel drive, lightening rods at roof ridge
9. barn, red-painted board-and-batten siding, ell-shaped plan, first story open, entered through four arched openings in ell, arches supported on log posts, second story has two doors, no windows
10. Big tobacco barn with corrugated metal gable roof, rectangular cupola with gable top

Form 20 (Revised 3/88)

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The dwelling house is T-shaped, with its principal facade to the north. Entrance is through a door in the central bay of the three-bay (ca. 17' square) west section (stem of the T). There is an interior chimney at the ridge where the west section joins the larger (east) block. The east block of the house, located at right angles to the stem, is circa. 18' by 30', with two bays in the long east side, and two-bay gable ends. There is a central corbelled brick chimney at the ridge. The staircase in this east block is located in the southwest quadrant.

The whole house is covered with white asbestos shingle. The foundation is of concrete, and the roof is of fishscale patterned tin. The window surrounds are of plain board, painted dark green.

At some period the one-story porch which wrapped around the west section was enclosed, nearly doubling its area. More recently a small (ca. 9' x 9') one-story bathroom addition was built onto the south gable end of the east block, possibly eliminating the original outdoor entrance to this section.

There are three small, relatively modern, outbuildings located immediately to the northeast of the house; there is a tobacco barn located to the south, and another to the west on the property.

To the north of the house is a stable, and immediately to the east of it is a large livestock barn which rests on a high foundation of local iron-bearing stone. The stone foundations are pierced on the west by a central doorway and flanking high shallow windows, and on the south by another doorway. This is a bank barn, built on a slope; the upper (left) level is entered directly from the east. The (upper) floor is constructed of whole logs, supported by massive beams and posts.

Note:

Interior of the house not seen.

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Specific dates ca. 1902

Builder/Architect

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See notes, Item #8
P.G. Co. Tax Assessments 1871-1921

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 173.49 acresQuadrangle name Bowie Quadrangle, Section A

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References (& Odenton Quad)
do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date February 1985street & number Co. Planning MNCPPC telephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro state Md.

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Josh T. Clark House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Chapel Road and Race Track Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Bowie				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Elizabeth C. Mack				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure with a small central chimney. It is built on an L-plan with a porch between the legs of the L.</p>						

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian
☐ 15th Century

- ☐ 16th Century
☐ 17th Century

- ☐ 18th Century
☒ 19th Century

- ☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

- ☐ Prehistoric
☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape

Architecture

☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

27 Sept 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

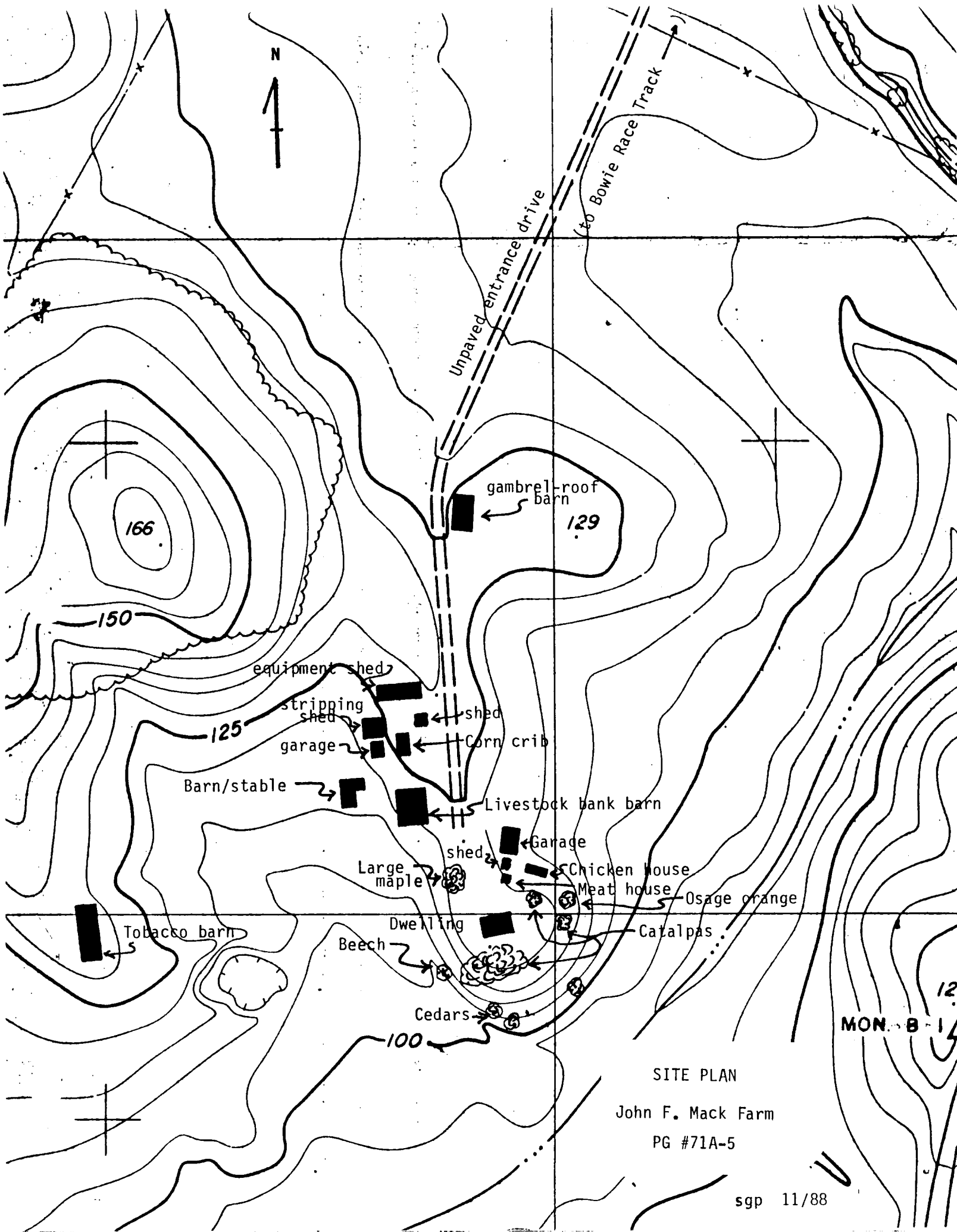
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Chain of Title

John F. Mack Farm
P.G. #71 A-5

#5753:60 1 Sept. 1983 Deed	Gibraltar Pari-Mutuel Inc. to Southern Maryland Realty Association, Maryland Joint Venture; 173.49 acres in 14th Election District, same which grantor obtained from E. Mack by #4949:310.
#4949:310 27 June 1978 Deed	Elizabeth C. Mack, widow to Gibraltar Pari-Mutuel Inc. (#780,660); 173.49 acres in Bowie Election District, same which grantor acquired by #3649:647.
#3649:647 12 Aug. 1968 Deed	Anna M. Kirkpatrick, widow et al to Elizabeth C. Mack, widow of Frederick J. Mack; whereas grantors in 1951 (by #1360:366) conveyed to their brother, Frederick J. Mack, and his wife, Elizabeth, all their interest in the property of their parents, John F. and Sabina Mack, 173.49 acres of "Clarke's Fancy", former home place of Joshua T. Clarke; grantors now convey same to his widow, Elizabeth C. Mack.
#1360:366 28 April 1951 Deed	Anna M. Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth M. Jacobson, Mary M. Van der ahe, Bertha M. Currie, and Lawrence B. Mack to Frederick J. Mack and wife (Anna, Elizabeth, Mary, Bertha, Lawrence and Frederick being sole surviving children of John F. and Sabina Mack, both deceased); 168 acres, Clarke's Fancy, home place of Joshua T. Clarke; same land which John F. Mack obtained by JB#8:126 (should be 216)
JB#8:216 26 April 1899 Deed	Annie Clarke to John F. Mack of D.C., 168 acres of Clarke's Fancy, home place of Joshua T. Clarke, and on which grantor now resides; bounded on (E) by land of James Belmear, on S and W by Whitemarsh, on N by land of Thomas Randall; same which grantor and her sisters acquired from Sheriff Darnell in 1893.
JB#4:729 18 May 1893 Deed	Nicholas Darnell, former Sheriff of Prince George's County, to Annie, Mary, and Emma Clarke; 168 acres Clarke's Fancy, home place of Joshua T. Clarke, and where he died. Judgment of \$14,483.20 against Joshua T. Clarke, June Court 1877; Writ of fieri facias, and public sale of land (18 June 1889) by Sheriff to high bidders, Annie, Mary & Emma Clarke.



SITE PLAN

John F. Mack Farm

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BOWIE
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SO MID AGRI ASSN INC 100A P.3
SO MID AGRI ASSN INC 100A P.4

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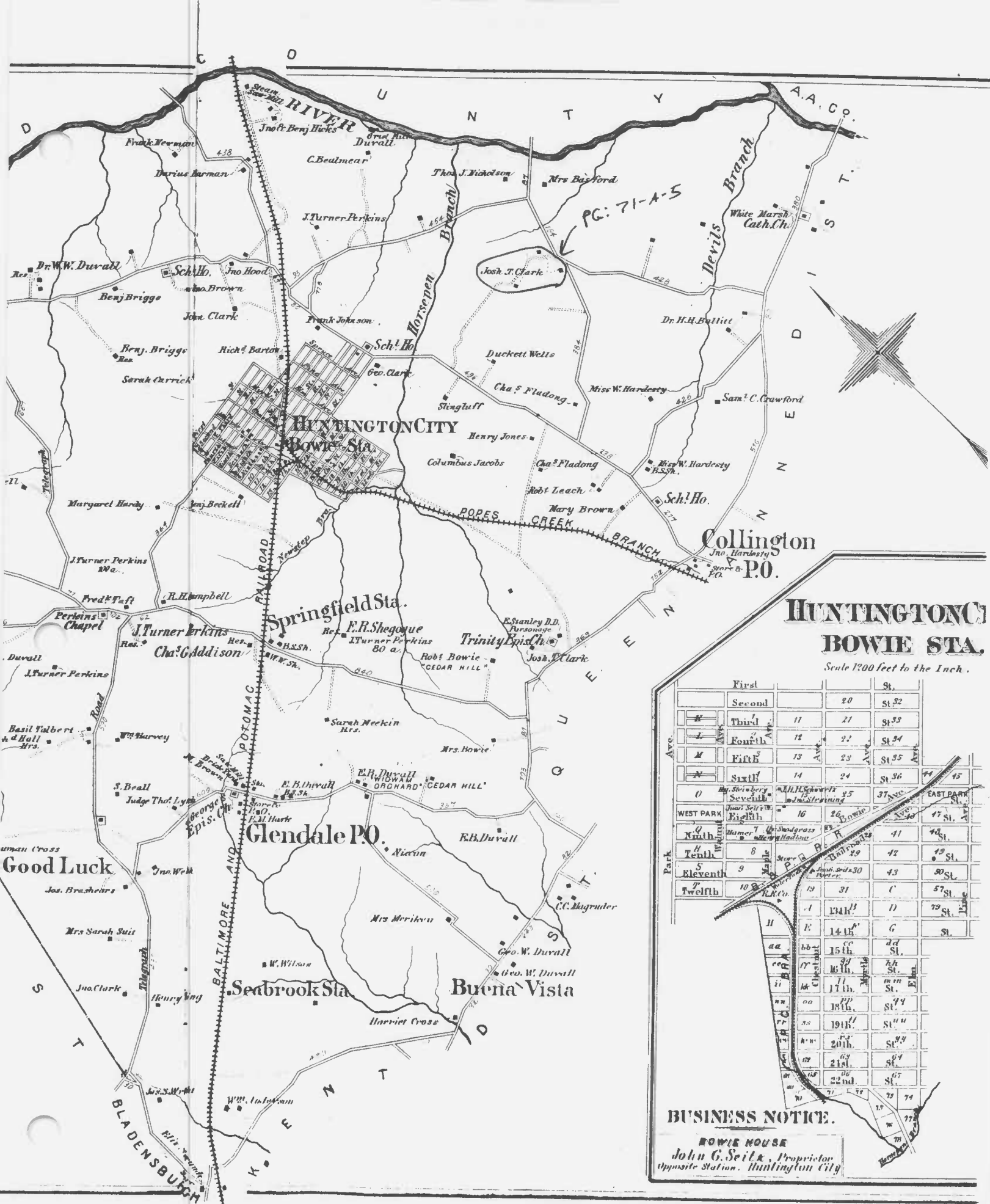
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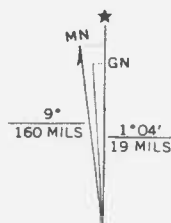


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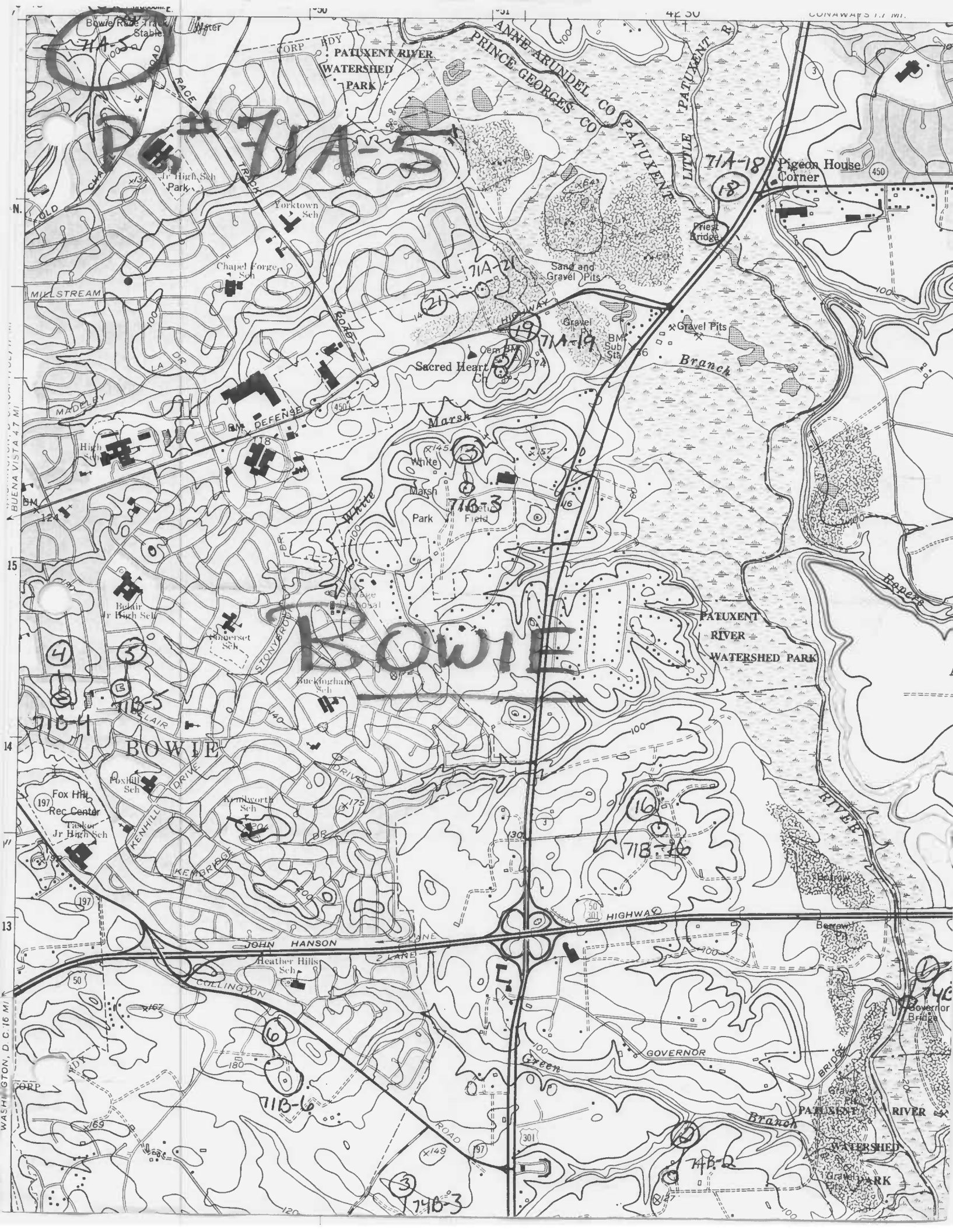
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods and by planetable surveys 1943. Planimetric detail revised from aerial photographs taken 1955. Field check 1957

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue



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UTM GRID AND 1979 MAGNETIC NORTH





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John F. Mack House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
January 1985
Barn interior
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Barn, View to Northwest
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East elevation

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John F. Mack House
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South elevation
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NAME #71A-5 JOSHUA T. CLARK FARM

LOCATION OLD CHAPEL + RACE TRACK Rds BOWIE, MD

FACADE LOOKING NW

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